

## Health News Release

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## Kitsap County home care aid suspended for sexual misconduct

**OLYMPIA** — State health officials have immediately suspended a Kitsap County home care aid's license for allegedly having sexual contact with a client.

Catherine Grace Erntson (HMCC.HM.60346813) was criminally charged in February in Kitsap County Superior Court with indecent liberties, a Class C felony and sex offense. Erntson allegedly had sexual contact with a developmentally disabled adult more than one time between May 1, 2013 and February 28, 2014.

Erntson cannot practice in Washington until the charges are resolved. She has 20 days to respond to the charges and ask for a hearing.

Legal documents in this case are available by clicking the link to "<u>Provider Credential Search</u>" on the <u>agency home page</u> or by calling 360-236-4700.

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